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Dear Harold:

Sorry to be so long in replying to your letter of July 17, but it didn't get to me as quickly as it should. You see, you got the box number wrong on the envelope, misspelled my first name, and goofed on the zip code. Why should people trust you with the facts about the assassination, when you can't even get an address right?

Anyway, your letter was hilarious. I laughed and laughed and laughed. You should get some kind of award for being a master as the art of incomprehensible sentences.

How clever of you to demand that I go back to the original source--the hearings in 1940. As you point out, the committee didn't print the transcript of the executive session and for that reason it is impossible to get the original documents. You don't even have them! Further, to disclose the contents of an executive session without the proper permission is a violation of federal law. Even if I had the transcript, I couldn't do anything with it--that would be illegal and you wouldn't want me to do anything illegal, would you? No, I can't say that--you probably would.

Anyway, not having the transcript, I relied upon the San Francisco papers for the information. If they are in error, why didn't you sue them at the time? Why didn't you sue the New York Times, too? They carried the stories on January 31, 1940 (page 10) and February 1, 1940 (pages 7 and 10). Go look it up--why should I send you the clippings? To quote your letter of July 6, 1970, paragraph 4: "You have the gall to ask me for what I worked so long and hard to get, at such great cost -and for free?"(emphasis in the original).

I am, however, out of the goodness of my heart, enclosing a copy of the title and credit line page of another hearing--this one from 1939. No, I can't tell you where I got it. Maybe it came from the CIA, maybe from the KGB, maybe from Mad Magazine.

No love, no kisses. Henry P. Durkin

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